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SUBJECT: FURTHER ON BULGARIAN TREATMENT OF KULAKOV'S DEATH

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1. FOR THE RECORD, AFTER REFTEL WAS DRAFTED WE HAVE
LEARNED (FBIS EE DAILY REPORT OF JULY 19) THAT CABLE
OF CONDOLENCE FOR KULAKOV'S DEATH WAS IN FACT SENT TO
MOSCOW, EVEN THOUGH AS NOTED REFTEL, THE CABLE WAS NOT
PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS. TTY 1976 GRECHKO CONDOLENCE
LETTER, HOWEVER, WAS FRONT-PAGED. (IN ADDITION, IT IS
INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE KULAKOV CABLE WAS FROM
BCP LEADER TODOR ZHIVKOV TO BRESZHNEV, WHEREAS THE LETTER
ON GRECHKO WAS FROM ZHIVKOV AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
CHAIRMAN STANKO TODOROV TO BREZHNEV, KOSYGIN, AND
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2. WHY ZHIVKOV'S CONDOLENCE CABLE DID NOT APPEAR IN
THE PRESS IS A PUZZLE. ONE SPECULATION IS THAT THE
CONTENTS OF THE CABLE WERE INTENDED LARGELY FOR DOMESTIC
CONSUMPTION AND REPRESENTED A MINIMAL BULGARIAN RESPONSE
TO KULAKOV'S PASSING IN LIGHT OF THE KREMLIN'S HANDLING

OF KULAKOV'S DEATH AND FUNERAL. NORMAL PRACTICE HERE IS THAT ALMOST EVERY CABLE OF CONDGENCE, CONGRATULATIONS, ETC., TO OR FROM ZHIVKOV APPEARS IN THE PRESS. TAKEN TOGETHER WITH RESTRAINED MEDIA TREATMENT AND LACK OF OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO KULAKOV'S FUNERAL, CONCLUSION OF REFTTEL THAT BULGARIANS WERE CONSCIOUS OF KULAKOV'S FALL FROM GRACE AND ACTED ACCORDINGLY REMAINS UNALTERED IN OUR VIEW.
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